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FM AMEMBASSY RANGOON

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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL FSL POSITION

1. THE EMBASSY REQUIRES AN ADDITIONAL POSITION FOR THE CONSULATE AT MANDALAY. THE CONSULATE CURRENTLY HAS ONLY TWO FSL POSITIONS, AN ADMIN. ASST/RECEPTIONIST AND A DRIVER. THE EMBASSY HAS NO POSITIONS AVAILABLE FOR TRANSFER TO MANDALAY.

2. THE NEW POSITION WOULD BE FOR AN AREA SPECIALIST WITH THE FOLLOWING DUTIES:

A) SERVE AS ADVISOR TO THE CONSUL ON POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS AND DEVELOPMENTS IN UPPER BURMA.

B) ESTABLISH AND HELP MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH BURMESE GOVT. OFFICIALS AND COMMUNITY LEADERS.

VBL ACCOMPANY THE CONSUL ON FIELD TRIPS WITHIN THE CONSULAR DISTRICT.

D) DO RESEARCH AND PREPARE REPORTS ON PROJECTS AS DIRECTED BY THE CONSUL INCLUDING MARKET PRICE SURVEYS, AGRICULTURAL FORECASTS, AND ANTI-NARCOTIC EFFORTS.

E) TRANSLATE BURMESE NEWSPAPER ARTICLES AND OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS AND SERVE AS INTERPRETER FOR AMERICAN OFFICIALS.

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F) ASSIST WITH CONSULAR FUNCTIONS SUCH AS PROTECTION AND WELFARE OF AMERICAN CITIZENS AND BACKGROUND INVESTIGATIONS OF VISA APPLICATIONS.

3. THE NEW PRINCIPAL OFFICER IN MANDALAY IS FINDING IT VERY DIFFICULT TO PROPERLY PERFORM HIS ASSIGNED FUNCTIONS WITHOUT AN FSL WHO IS KNOWLEDGEABLE IN ALL MAJOR ASPECTS OF THE MANDALAY AREA, CAN ACCOMPANY HIM ON VISITS, CARRY OUT RESEARCH, AND PROVIDE TRANSLATION/INTERPRETER SERVICE. THE EMBASSY AGREES THAT THE CONSULATE REQUIRES THIS TYPE OF FSL AND REQUESTS THAT THE DEPARTMENT ALLOCATE THE NEW POSITION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
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